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21 Hickam leaders earn chief master sgt.

The Air Force selected 21 Team Hickam senior master sergeants for promotion to the service's highest enlisted rank as part of the 2004 chief master sergeant evaluation board.

"Promotion to chief remains extremely competitive," said Chief Master Sgt. Dale Kenney, chief of enlisted promotions and military testing branch at the Air Force Personnel Center.

The board considered 2,688 senior master sergeants and selected 566, a 21.06 percent selection rate.

The average score for those selected was 662.55, with an average time in grade of 3.41 and time in service of 22.49 years.

15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron
Douglas Durn

15th Airlift Wing
Randy Richardson

15th Communications Squadron
Joseph Mason Jr.

15th Comptroller Squadron
Charles Miles II

15th Security Forces Squadron
Steven Martinez

Pacific Air Forces
John Blair
Amaziah Dominic
Jeffery Fulghum
Jenee Hutchings
Roger Lantry
Jerry Lewis Jr.
Phillip McCorkle V
James Russell
Jose Silva
Michael Smith
Phillip Weaver

Other Air Force units
Terry Barnett
William Reinhardt
Tommy Spikes Jr.
Carl Vann
Gary Webb

To view the complete list of selectees, visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eprom/. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)



Great balls of fire

Photo by Angela Elbern

Chief Sielu Avea pleases the crowd with his fire dancing skills during the Annual Craft Fair here Saturday. For more on the craft fair, see Page 16.

A star adorned – 154th wing commander earns rank

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
Kukini Managing Editor

With a unit F-15 as the backdrop in a standing-room-only hangar, the Hawaii Air National Guard 154th wing commander received a star three decades in the making.

Brig. Gen. Peter Pawling was joined by Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle, Maj. Gen. Robert Lee, HIANG Adjutant General, and Brig. Gen. Darryll Wong, HIANG commander and chief of staff.

Just hours before the ceremony, which took place in the HIANG Hangar, eight F-15s from the HIANG's 199th Fighter Squadron prepped for deployment.

Processing through the same hangar on a myriad of his own deployments, including missions to Turkey and Kosovo in the 1990s, General Pawling said it was the ideal place, an unforgettable place, to have his promotion ceremony.

Having spent the length of his

career in a HIANG uniform, General Pawling said the wing's future is forever linked to its past.

"I'm especially honored to have so many retirees here, some of whom were HIANG members at our start in 1946, in the audience today," he said.

"I want to remind all the retirees, their vision is our foundation providing the basis for our accomplishments today," General Pawling added. "The members of the 154th wing are proud of you and your legacy. Your fingerprints

are all over the landscape, surrounding us, serving as anchors and guideposts to the future."

General Pawling, a flight school classmate of President George W. Bush, is a command pilot with more than 4,200 flying hours.

During his HIANG career, he piloted the F-102, F-4C, F-15A, C-7, C-130H and KC-135R aircraft.

For more information on General Pawling and the history of the HIANG mission, see Page 17.



Suicide Prevention – Asking for help

By Col. David Schall

Pacific Air Forces Command Surgeon

Three Airmen in Pacific Air Forces took their own lives in 2003.

A preventable tragedy, suicide deeply affects families, organizations and communities. Effective suicide prevention requires every one of us to be alert to the risk factors involved, and to know how to respond to them if encountered.

Relationship problems, pending disciplinary or legal actions, substance abuse and financial problems are the top four risk factors for suicide in the Air Force. Other significant factors include: work-related problems; experiencing a significant loss or personal setback; severe, prolonged and perceived unmanageable stress; and having an overwhelming feeling of helplessness and/or hopelessness.

Distress in some individuals can lead to the development of unhealthy coping behaviors including withdrawal from social support and ineffective problem solving. These behaviors may intensify the

potential risk of suicide.

Supervisors, co-workers, family and friends are in the best position to recognize maladaptive behaviors and to provide support and refer the member for help. Observed changes in mood, concentration, sleep patterns, appetite, substance use, peer relations, work performance, and capacity for enjoyment may indicate the individual is experiencing distress, and would benefit from assistance.

How can you help if you see these signs in an individual? Be honest and direct; share your concern for their well being. Listen and express a willingness to help, and ask directly about their thoughts or plans for suicide.

The emotional pain felt by the member may not wait until the next duty day! Take any individual who reports or displays suicidal thoughts or behaviors seriously. Notify the member's supervisor, first sergeant or commander. If not available, seek immediate assistance from the Life Skills Support Center or nearest emergency room. Delaying a referral,

ignoring the issue, not taking the problem seriously or keeping it secret could all have serious consequences.

Help in coping with life's difficulties is available to Air Force members through each base's Integrated Delivery System. Asking for assistance is viewed as a sign of strength and an indication of healthy problem-solving behavior. Each base has an IDS consisting of the helping agencies around the base.

The IDS members work collaboratively to identify base-wide needs and to coordinate the delivery of services to meet those needs. An example of services offered by IDS agencies include: financial counseling, individual counseling, substance abuse counseling, stress management, parenting groups, anger management, couples groups and conflict resolution workshops.

IDS member agencies include: Family Support Center, chaplains, Life Skills Support Center, Family Advocacy Program, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program, Health and

Wellness Center, and Child and Youth Services. These agencies can be contacted individually for services and often conduct outreach activities in installation units. Legal assistance is available, too, through the base legal office or the Area Defense Counsel, if needed.

Every member of the Air Force family is important! Primary suicide prevention occurs on a daily basis by addressing Quality of Life concerns. Each Air Force member is responsible for creating an atmosphere that encourages others to seek help when needed. Air Force members are encouraged to utilize helping resources to assist in coping with life stressors they may encounter. Peer support, a belief that it's okay to ask for help, unit cohesion, and social and family supports are all protective factors that help to prevent suicide. Air Force members look out for one another and "take care of our own."

For more information on suicide prevention or to seek counseling, call the 15th Medical Group Life Skills Clinic.

Action Lines



Col. Ray Torres
15th Airlift Wing commander

The purpose of the Action Line is in its name – it's your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. It also allows you to recognize individuals who go "above and beyond" in their duties – and we all know there are plenty of those folks here. All

members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line, however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first crack at resolving problems or issues. It's only fair to give our commanders and managers the first opportunity to work issues under their responsibility. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you want me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

Unattended children in vehicles

Comment: Can you send an alert to all newcomers, parents or people with children or animals to not leave them in the car. This is the second time I've seen it happen where there are children left in the car while a parent goes into the exchange at Hickam and the Navy Commissary, and the children were just perspiring. I would appreciate it if you could

look into doing something, and can you let the Navy base know too? I know this is Air Force, but I am wondering if you could possibly share this with other military installations on Oahu to make sure each member of the family, each driving member of the family is aware of this?

Response: I share your concerns, and greatly appreciate your efforts in bringing this to the attention of the Hickam Community. Should you or anyone else observe young children left unattended in vehicles please notify the security forces control center immediately so they can dispatch a police unit right away to resolve the problem.

Do not attempt to resolve the problem on your own because it could lead to further conflicts involving the guardians of the children. Guidance involving these types of situations can be found in 15th Airlift Wing Instruction 40-301, Family Advocacy Program, paragraph 3.3.4.1.3, which states children 10 – 15 years of age may be left alone in a vehicle with windows open if keys are removed and handbrake set. Thanks again for bringing this to our attention.

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Dance, dance, dance

From left to right Jessie Bentley, Alyssa Caya and Lauren Roberts practice their moves during Hyper Squad Dance Team class Nov. 4. The sessions, Thursdays at Kidsports, are open to Hickam keiki age five through 16.

AF honors spouses with pin

WASHINGTON (AFP) – Air Force officials have expanded the pin program to recognize and thank those who support the efforts of Airmen around the world by introducing the Air Force spouse pin. This pin joins the Air Force employer pin and parent pin as one of the service's most visible public outreach programs.

Peter B. Teets, undersecretary of the Air Force, presided over a ceremony here Nov. 8, where the first four pins were presented to spouses of an active-duty, Guard and Reserve Airman and a civilian.

"In an increasingly volatile world, the Air Force depends on families for their support as never before," said Col. Chris Geisel, assistant director of Air Force public affairs. "It's only appropriate that we reach out to the spouses who stand shoulder-to-shoulder with us."

The spouse pin – a blue star cradled in the Air Force symbol – is a contemporary adaptation of a wartime tradition. Beginning with World War I, families hung service flags in their windows to display a blue star for each family member



serving in the armed forces.

The new pin is given to spouses of American Airmen and civilians in recognition of the sacrifices they make for their spouse's service, Colonel Geisel said.

Besides the one-inch silver lapel pin, the spouses will receive a personalized letter signed by Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief Staff Gen. John P. Jumper.

Airmen and civilian employees can register for a spouse pin and letter through a Web-based program at www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com.

The Your Guardians of Freedom office, a division of the Air Force public affairs directorate, manages the recognition program. The office's mission is to help commanders and Airmen reach out to key audiences to tell the story of Airmen fighting the war on terrorism.

More than 222,000 Airmen have created profiles at the Web site, which has resulted in the presentation of more than 318,000 parent pins and more than 61,000 employer pins. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

50 Airmen graduate from Wayland Baptist

Fifty Hickam Airmen graduated from Wayland Baptist University Saturday.

The graduation ceremony was in the Hickam Officer's Club with Gov. Linda Lingle as the guest speaker. The following Air Force members along with others from members military branches were recognized during the ceremony:

Charles Ashton
Todd Baird
Sonja Barnett
Joseph Barrow
Susan Baumann
Patrick Beckford
Richard Brown
Ralph Bucy
Matthew Bush
Russell Campos
John Canter
Janna Castillo
Matthew Cook
Kathleen Cruz
David A. Day
David D. Day
Christopher Dresel
Charles Eckman
Terry Gilyard

Christopher Ginbey
Ronald Godsy
Jeremy Gowin
Vickie Hailey
Ericka Hall
John Hastings
Jack Henserling III
Todd Hill
Brian Hilscher
Trisha Ivy
Timothy Jackson
Jeffery Keeton
Stephanie Knight
Robert Lamaster
Shirodkar Lane
Ronald Leciejewski
Pedro Lopez
Richard McMillan
Nyle Miller
Robert Moore
Rosalind Mosley
Robert Myers
Irwin Noel
Deborah Nurse-Ivey
William Nystrom
Robert Saccone
Mark Seelbaugh
Sharifah Shabazz
Mark Townsend
Natasha Weaver
Angela Zephier

Vaccine shortage

People can combat flu without shot

By Senior Airman Sarah Kinsman
Kukini Editor

Fever, headache, fatigue, aches and pains ...

Everyone tries to avoid these symptoms during flu season and may not be successful even with the flu vaccine. With the vaccine shortage, there are some steps people should take to ensure they do not get themselves sick and if they do, to prevent getting others sick.

The vaccine is only being given to those in high risk categories:

- 65 years or older, children six to 23 months old.
- Adults and children with a chronic health condition such as heart disease, asthma, diabetes, kidney diseases or cancer.
- Children from six months to 18 years old on chronic aspirin therapy.
- Healthcare workers involved in direct patient care.
- Out of home caregivers and household contacts of children younger than six months.
- Critical operational forces such

as deploying members in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, members moving or going on temporary duty to Korea for more than two weeks and members who regularly transit or reside in high risk or multiple high risk areas.

Those who do not fall into these categories can expect not to receive the flu vaccine this year.

“Vaccination is the best protection, but if you cannot get the vaccine, there are other ways to protect yourself,” said Maj. Janette Goodman, 15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron. “Staying healthy is the key to enduring this year’s flu season.” Everyone should remember to:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. If possible, stay home from work, school and errands to prevent others from catching the illness.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water to protect against germs, use disposable paper towels.
- Cover nose and mouth with tissue when coughing or sneezing

instead of using bare hands and discard used tissues immediately.

- Drink plenty of fluids, exercise regularly and eat healthy.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth because cold and flu viruses enter the body through these areas.
- People who smoke should stop. Smoking increases a persons susceptibility to and the severity of the flu.

If a person should get the flu, there are some over-the-counter medications he or she can take.

“The active ingredients the [Food and Drug Administration] considers safe and effective for relieving certain symptoms of colds or flu fall into these categories: nasal decongestants, antitussives, also known as cough suppressants, expectorants help loosen mucus, clemastine fumarate treats cold symptoms, and multi-symptom cough-cold remedies.”

“Don’t bother taking antibiotics to treat your flu or cold,” said Major Goodman. “Antibiotics do not kill viruses, and should be used only for bacterial complications such as sinus or ear infections.”

Home care instructions include: get rest, drink lots of fluids, especially warm liquids, and for a sore throat, gargle several times a day with warm salt water, 1/4 teaspoon of salt per half cup of water.

Each person should contact their health care provider for specific clinical questions or visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site at www.cdc.gov.

Airmen earn Articles 15

By Airman 1st Class Jennifer Kincaid
15th Airlift Wing legal office

While punishments imposed for similar offenses may appear to vary from case-to-case, each case is decided based on a number of factors and on its own specific facts. Punishments vary, based on such factors as an offender's age, prior work and disciplinary record, financial condition, suitability for continued service and the level of severity of the particular offense committed. To ensure fair administration of justice throughout the Hickam community, the legal office reviews all cases.

- A captain was charged with three counts of failure to go in violation of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Punishment consisted of forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for two months, \$375 of the \$500 suspended, and a reprimand.
- A technical sergeant was charged with adultery and drunk and disorderly both in violation of Article 134 of the UCMJ. Punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to staff sergeant, forfeiture of \$250 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.
- An airman first class was charged with drunken driving in violation of Article 111 of the UCMJ, and fleeing the scene of an accident in violation of Article 134 of the UCMJ. Punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$312 and restriction to Hickam for 14 days.
- An airman first class was charged with dereliction of duty (underage drinking) in violation of Article 134 of the UCMJ. Punishment consisted of suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$200 pay per month for two months, and 15 days extra duty.

Is it a cold or the flu?

Symptoms	Cold	Flu
fever	rare	characteristic, high
headache	rare	prominent
general aches, pains	slight	usual, often severe
fatigue, weakness	quite mild	can last several weeks
extreme exhaustion	never	early and prominent
stuffy nose	common	sometimes
sneezing	usual	sometimes
sore throat	common	sometimes
chest discomfort, cough	mild to moderate	common



Photos by Mike Dey

Makahiki ceremony at Hickam

For the second year in a row, Hickam will be the site of a historical Makahiki Ceremony Nov 20 beginning at Hickam Harbor at 10:30 a.m. This ceremony, which had not previously been witnessed for about 300 years, is similar to a Thanksgiving celebration of peace and a plentiful harvest. Members of the Royal Order of Kamehameha and other Hawaiian organizations will participate. The Team Hickam community is invited to attend the event, which will not be open to the public.

(Above) Women “warriors” use a traditional weapon called a KooKoo to represent how they fought in ancient times. Traditionally women fought alongside their husbands. The KooKoo demonstration was just one part of the Makahiki ceremony held here in 2003. (Right) Kapono Souza carries Lono, the deified guardian of agriculture, rain, health and peace to the Makahiki ceremony site.



Team Hickam becomes greener with trees

By Capt. Patricia Teran-Matthews
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Mother Nature wanted to show her support, providing plenty of life-giving rain during the base Arbor Day celebration Nov. 5.

More than 90 Team Hickam volunteers, including State Forester Jacqueline Ralya, gathered to plant 55 trees and palms, a dramatic increase from last year's 32 trees.

The Arbor Day observance should help the base re-qualify for Tree City USA status.

"Hickam has captured the Tree City USA Award six years in a row," said Warren Aniya, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron base agronomist.

The award is given by the National Arbor Day Foundation for Outstanding Urban Forestry Programs.

Col. Ray Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander, delivered the Arbor Day proclamation, encouraging all citizens to celebrate support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

"I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations," Colonel Torres said.

Arbor Day was proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture by J. Sterling Morton in 1872 and was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska. The event is now observed throughout the Nation and the world.

Despite the weather challenges the event was deemed a success by the participants, especially the children who enjoyed the opportunity to help plant what will grow into the oxygen of their future, as well as enjoy the chance to jump in a puddle or two.



Photo by Mysti Bicoy

From left to right: Col. Ray Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander, Courtney Rits, 10, Kyle Rits, 8, Kendall Green, 11, and Jackie Ralya, Hawaii State Forester, plant a tree during the Arbor Day tree-planting ceremony Nov. 5

15th CES goes to school

By Nicole Clements

15th Civil Engineer Squadron
Restoration office

The 15th Civil Engineer Squadron restoration office visited Anuenue High School students Tuesday to promote the Air Force's environmental cleanup program and science in general.

Restoration office personnel gave presentations to three Marine Science classes, currently studying watersheds and pollution migration.

"Our goal is to highlight the environmental cleanup program at Hickam and explain the state-of-the-art technologies that are utilized around the island of Oahu," said Todd Lanning, 15th CES Environmental Restoration chief. "The environmental program cleans up hazardous waste sites that originated from the late 1930's to the mid 1980's, before strict environmental regulations were in place. We spend a lot of effort cleaning up aviation fuel that has leaked into the ground and is floating on the groundwater."

Aviation fuel is just one example of the many contaminants that can affect Hawaiian watersheds.

"The bioslurping technology was definitely the biggest hit," said Mr. Lanning.

"It's a huge system of vacuum pumps connected to treatment plants," explained Mark Petersen, 15th CES remedial project manager. "The pumps slurp up the groundwa-



Courtesy photo

Haleaka Liua, Anuenue High School student, assists Todd Lanning, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron Restoration office chief, during a presentation to her class Tuesday.

ter and the treatment plants separate the fuel, water and vapors. The fuel is recycled, the water is cleaned and returned to the earth, and the vapors are burned," said Mr. Petersen.

"As we further our relationship with our neighbors in Hawaii, community outreach continues to be an important goal," said Mr. Lanning.

"Sharing the lessons learned and the achievements we have experienced in environmental cleanup demonstrates that the Air Force is committed to being good stewards of the land and giving back to the community."

"We are very proud of what we do at the environmental restoration office," said Mr. Lanning.

DFAS launches myPay system enhancements

ARLINGTON, Va. – MyPay, the online pay account information system of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service inaugurates new enhancements and upgrades for all users.

All myPay users can assign a restricted access PIN to a designated individual to view the information. Those using the restricted PIN cannot make any changes to the allotments or account information, but can add a personal email address, so users are notified of pay changes and other items of interest.

All active-duty Army, Navy and Air Force members can view 12 months of leave and earning statements and are able to start, stop and change financial allotments and savings bonds.

MyPay is a web-based system that allows customers to access and control their pay account information. Receipt of an electronic LES and other financial information eliminates the risks associated with postal delivery. MyPay provides members up-to-date information on pertinent changes by delivering notices to users' email addresses.

To receive a myPay pin, visit the finance office. The myPay Web site is <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

Great American Smokeout

Hickam Airman quits smoking, offers advice

By Senior Airman Sarah Kinsman
Kukini Editor

More than 46.5 million American citizens are in a private prison. Afflicted with worsening health, financial shackles, and being publicly ostracized, these prisoners have their cell in their possession but they can break out.

All they have to do is quit smoking.

The American Cancer Society started the Great American Smoke Out in 1977 to challenge people to stop using tobacco and raise awareness of the many effective ways to quit for good.

Tech. Sgt. Joanne Reed, Pacific Air Forces Protocol office, quit smoking in 2001 during the Great American Smokeout and hasn't turned back.

"I started [smoking] when I was 17, so I had been smoking for 10 years at a rate of one to two packs per day," she said. "It was not my first attempt at quitting and I didn't know if it would be my last either. It seems to take us smokers five to six times before we get quitting right. I was due to get it right this time."

There were several reasons why she decided to quit smoking.

"I was tired of the stigma, the lectures, the smell, the cost and my health," she said. "I was a medic. I was supposed to be leading the pack and setting the example. Instead, I was a complete hypocrite."

Having attempted quitting several times before 2001, there were some lifestyle changes Sergeant Reed made to help her remain tobacco-free.

"I adopted several gradual lifestyle changes when I successfully quit," she said. "First and foremost was to quit smoking. Once I achieved that goal for myself, I slowly incorporated diet and exercise. Running became a successful outlet for me. I viewed it as swapping one addiction for another."

This year's Great American Smokeout, the day set aside each year to have smokers stop smoking for a day and hopefully for the rest of their lives, is

Thursday. Sergeant Reed offers a few tips to smokers wanting to quit.

"Hang in there is the best tip I can offer," she said. "Quitting is not easy. It takes a lot of work, a lot of time and a lot of effort. Don't beat yourself up if you fall off the wagon. We don't succeed by berating ourselves into achieving. Get up, dust yourself off, give yourself a pat on the back and jump on again. In the meantime, you are gaining the skills you need in order to be successful when you do [quit]."

Smoking cessation isn't just about stopping the act, but changing the lifestyle.

"For me, quitting smoking affected my social contacts and my daily routines," said Sergeant Reed. "I had to change my thinking and behaviors regarding my eating and exercise habits."

"Everyone has their reasons for smoking: to cope with stress, to relax, curb appetite, peer pressure, boredom ... Some people don't quit because they fear the weight gain, the mood swings associated with nicotine withdrawal, they're unable to find alternate ways to cope with stress and some may not quit because consciously or unconsciously, they're afraid of failing," said Sergeant Reed. "The most important step is making the commitment to quit. Individuals can start by gathering the tools and resources – seek information, join a support group, attend a smoking cessation class. Even if you think you know everything there is to know about quitting, I guarantee you will gain at least one new resource to add to your toolbox to be a successful quitter."

"Anyone can quit, anyone. It's up to the individual," said Sergeant Reed. "All it requires is commitment."

For more information about the Great American Smokeout visit http://www.cancer.org/docroot/PED/ped_10_4.asp or to sign up for tobacco cessation classes, contact the Health and Wellness Center.

HAWC Activities

Reception for smokers and former smokers Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"This is an opportunity to let those individuals know we appreciate their efforts to stop and the struggle they may be having in trying to be smoke free," said Maj. Carol Shaffer, 15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron.

Smoking cessation classes

Two four-week classes are offered: Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. and Wednesdays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

"[Cessation classes are] held monthly with the exception of December," said Major Shaffer. "We will start again in January."

"The class offers individuals an opportunity to quit. When they come together they meet other individuals who can share this experience," said Major Shaffer. "This gives them additional support [and lets them know] they are not alone. They are provided with benefits of a smoke-free lifestyle."

Tobacco Facts

- Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death in the United States.

- Each year smoking kills more people than AIDS, alcohol and drug abuse, car crashes, murders, suicides and fires – combined.

- Smokers have a higher risk of heart attack and stroke. When smokers stop smoking, they decrease their chances of heart attack or stroke. Over time it will be as low as a nonsmoker's risk.

- Smoking contributes to high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

Hickam History

Military airlift gains its own organization, aircraft

By Steve Diamond
15th Airlift Wing History office

Editor's note: This is the second of three stories in a Hickam aircraft history series.

In September 1947 the United States Air Force was born. Less than a year later, the Department of Defense created the Military Air Transport

Service by combining the Army's Air Transport Command and the Navy's Naval Air Transport Service under Air Force direction. Beginning 1948, Hickam became home to the Pacific Division of MATS, and MATS transport aircraft soon filled the runways.

MATS aircraft and personnel quickly began to get a real airlift workout. MATS

C-47 and C-54 aircraft and personnel deployed from Hickam to Germany to support "Operation Vittles," the Berlin Airlift that delivered 2.3 million tons of cargo to West Berliners between June 1948 and July 1949. Soon after that humanitarian effort ended, the Korean War began, again sending MATS aircraft and personnel into action. The first aircraft lost in the Korean War was a Pacific MATS C-54G parked at Kimpo Airport (just west of Seoul), destroyed on June 25, 1950 with no loss of life.

Although the C-54 was MATS primary transport during the Korean conflict, new aircraft such as the C-97



Courtesy photo

MATS C-97 parked in front of Hickam's Base Operations in the 1960's.



Courtesy photo

C-47s in foreground, a C-133 to the left, and several C-124s fill the background at Hickam around the 1960s.

Stratofreighter (and its variant KC-97 Stratotanker) and the huge C-124 Globemaster II also entered service flying to and from Hickam. C-97s provided regular transport service from Travis AFB through Hickam, Wake, Japan, Midway and back to Hickam during the 1950s. Hickam was also home to more than two dozen C-124s, the first aircraft designed from scratch as a strategic military transport. By the end of the 1950s, MATS also began flying the C-133 Cargomaster (affectionately known as "Weenie Wagon") from Hickam.

Even as the war in Korea ended in 1953, MATS C-124s helped evacuate French troops wounded in the Indochina War. By the time America became directly involved in the Vietnam War ten years later, the Air Force would be flying at a whole new level of technology—jet aircraft.



News Notes

Medical appointments – Members with appointments at Tripler Army Medical Center should allow extra time to get to their appointments next week because of the U.S. Army Hawaii Anti-terrorism exercise.

Military appreciation week – Sea Life Park Hawaii is hosting a military appreciation week Sunday through Nov. 21. The park will offer free admission to all military personnel and military dependents with a valid ID card throughout the week. Also, military guests receive a special admission rate of \$9 for adults and \$6 for children. The park is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information visit www.sealife-parkhawaii.com.

HOSC function – Reservations are underway for the Hickam

Officers' Spouses Club Breakfast with Santa Dec. 4. The event will be held from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. on the O'Club Lanai. Breakfast buffet will be served from 8:30 to 9 a.m. This event is limited to the first 150 HOSC members and their guests on a first-come, first-serve basis for reservations. Deadline for reservations is Nov. 20 or whenever the maximum capacity is reached. Payment must accompany reservations. Club cards and checks will be accepted.

Investments – An "intermediate investing" class is scheduled for Tuesday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the family support center. The maximum seating capacity is 25 people.

Hickam to host Special Olympics – The Hawaii Special Olympics are taking place on Hickam Dec. 3 to 5. The opening ceremonies start at 7:15 p.m. Dec. 3 at Hangar 7.

Volunteers needed – The American Red Cross, Hickam Service Center is looking for volunteers to fill the following positions: chairman of volunteers, records chairman and publicity chairman.

Fall fun and craft fair – The Radford High School student council is sponsoring the 10th Annual Fall Fun and Craft Fair Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the high school. Vendors booths are available for \$40.

Office closures – The 15th Comptroller Squadron and the 15th Mission Support Squadron including

the civilian personnel flight, base training and education flight, military personnel flight and the family support center, are closed Nov. 22 beginning at 1 p.m. for an official function, and Nov. 24 beginning at noon for a Thanksgiving break.

Road closure – One half lane of Julian Avenue is closed between Monthan Street and Julian Way. One half lane is also closed on Julian Way between Julian Avenue and the Hickam Preschool parking area. The road closures are for sewer and water installation work. The channel side of the street is closed from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. When work is in progress, no parking is available along the street. The work is expected to continue until Dec. 17.

ROTC Scholarships – Applications for the Air Force ROTC College Scholarship Program may now be submitted online. For applications and instructions, go to www.AFROTC.com. The application deadline is Dec. 1.

Certification exam – The Defense Activity for Non-traditional Education Support offers approved military personnel Microsoft Certification vouchers at no cost. The exam documents a person's level of competency and achievement in a particular area. For more information, visit <https://www.dantes-microsoft-test.com/>.

Cookie caper – Volunteers are needed to help more than 650 Team-

HOT NOTE

Wingman Day closures – The 15th Mission Support Squadron and 15th Comptroller Squadron will be closed Nov. 19 for Wingman Day along with the 15th Airlift Wing Legal office.

The 15th Medical Group will close at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 19. In case of an emergency, dial 911 for on-base ambulance service or go to the nearest emergency room.

The fitness center will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the community center will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. while the 15th Services Squadron Human Resources office will be closed Nov. 19. All other 15th SVS facilities will be open for regular hours.

Hickam dorm residents get a taste of home during the holiday season. Every year, volunteers come together to bake holiday cookies for Airmen in the dorms. The cookies can be dropped off at the Daedalian Room in the officers' club Dec. 6 from 6:30 to 9 a.m. Volunteers are also needed to wrap the cookie care packages.

Gift certificates – Commissary shoppers can pick up gift certificates at the customer service office in the commissary. The certificates are available in denominations of \$25 and a \$1 handling fee will be charged per certificate. They can be used in any commissary worldwide. This program is an expansion of the certificate checks program at www.commissaries.com.

Around the Air Force



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Senior leaders discuss Air Force future

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFPN) – Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche, Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray met with Airmen of the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing and discussed both current issues and the future of the Air Force.

This is an opportunity for the leaders to see how Airmen adapt and change to meet new challenges. How Airmen meet these challenges is not a one-step process; it is a process of continuous adaptation, Secretary Roche said.

"The Air Force adapts very quickly to changing circumstances," he said. "In Operation Enduring Freedom, there was a very special use of airpower (to) support our special operators. In addition, everything we did for a long time was done by air. We adapted very well to that."

Secretary Roche said he sees the future as something even more far-reaching.

"We've evolved now into (something) where the best analogy I can think of is (in) Afghanistan," he said. "The presence of our aircraft ... combined with our Army colleagues and others on the ground, (helped) the people of Afghanistan. (For) the first time in 5,000 years, they chose their own government, and they're proud of what they've done. That's airpower adapting continuously ... we adapt continuously, and we'll continue to do so."

General Jumper said adaptation and the Air Force's future revolve around the concept of an expeditionary Air Force and its evolution.

"I think when you come back in five years from now and see the EAF, it's going to look just as different to you as it (looked) five years ago," he said.

Airmen of today and of the future will have to adapt to new challenges and be prepared to expand their skill sets to make them true "battlefield Airmen," General Jumper said. (Story by Capt. Aaron Burgstein, 386th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs)

Paper LES program shredded to make way for digital delivery

WASHINGTON – Airmen will get one less piece of mail now that the Defense Finance and Accounting Service stopped sending paper leave and earnings statements this month.

Airmen will not go without the critical information the LES provides because it is now available via the service's myPay Web site, said Colonel Patrick Coe, director of the Air Force Accounting and Finance Office.



William Tell kicks off

Air Force Photo by Staff Sgt. Tanika Bell

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – Staff Sgt. Kevin Skaggs prepares to load a missile during William Tell 2004 here Monday. This is the 50th anniversary of the competition, which tests an aircrew's ability to perform under combat conditions. Two weeks of competition will challenge pilots, weapons loaders and maintainers from five F-15 Eagle fighter squadrons. Sergeant Skaggs is assigned to the 95th Air Maintenance Unit.

"You can now access this information anywhere you have access to a computer," Colonel Coe said. "And most of the active-duty force already has a PIN for myPay."

The information in the electronic LES is the same as the old, but the Air Force is looking for ways to expand and make the electronic version easier to use.

"Currently we are testing a 'smart LES' for civilians and hope to make it available to Airmen in the future," he said. "This is an LES where you can click on some of the blocks, and a window comes up to explain the contents of the block."

The Air Force asked DFAS officials to stop providing the paper version to save nearly \$4 million a year in printing and mailing costs. Another motive, Colonel Coe said, was to familiarize Airmen with the functions available on the site.

The myPay Web site is online at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>, or through the Air Force Portal at <https://my.af.mil>. (Story by Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez, Air Force Print News)

2005 Act increases Reservists bonuses, education benefits

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – Increased education benefits and more flexibility in awarding bonuses are among the quality-of-life improvements targeting National Guard and Reserve servicemembers in the 2005 National Defense Authorization Act.

He explained many changes contained in the authorization act were vital to bring reserve component benefits more in line with active-duty benefits, particularly since troops from both components are generally serving side by side in combat zones.

"We had a much different benefit structure for the Guard and Reserve and active duty, which was all right when you're not mobilized and when you're in a drilling status," Mr. Hall said. "But

when you are mobilized and you're serving ... in the foxhole alongside your active-duty brethren, we have to ask, 'Are the benefits the very same?' And they haven't been."

The act generally doubles or triples reserve component bonuses, bringing them closer to active-duty amounts. It allows re-enlistment bonuses to be paid more than once and to be paid in a lump sum.

In the past, education benefits for reserve component troops were considerably below those for active-duty troops, even when reserve servicemembers were activated for extended periods. That is now changed, based on how long a reserve service-member is activated, Mr. Hall said. (Story by Kathleen T. Rhem, American Forces Press Service)

GPS satellite blasts off from Cape Canaveral

CAPE CANAVERAL AIR FORCE STATION, Fla. – A Delta II launch vehicle carried a Global Positioning System satellite nearly 11,000 miles above Earth from here Nov. 6.

The satellite replaces one of 24 in the constellation that experts call the most accurate navigation aid ever for U.S. warfighters.

The constellation provides continuous, precise three-dimensional location information (latitude, longitude and altitude), velocity and exact time to worldwide users. The satellite is expected to be fully operational in about four weeks.

"America relies heavily on space and missile forces for its national defense," said Col. Mark Owen, 45th Space Wing commander here. "Military leaders can destroy a target with one GPS-guided bomb that took an average of 648 bombs to destroy in World War II."

"This satellite joins a constellation that is playing a stellar role in ensuring U.S. warfighters have the tools needed to continue to fight and win today and in the years ahead," he said. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)



Above: Casey Sweeney, 11, works the pottery wheel, one of several classes offered at the base arts and crafts center.

Left: From left Airmen 1st Class Tammy Benner and Stephanie Anderson purchase baked goods from Airmen 1st Class Iris Figueroa and Marshay Lawson. The Airmen are assigned to the 324th Intelligence Squadron.

HICKAM

29TH ANNUAL FALL CRAFT FAIR AND FAMILY FUN DAY

Right: Lt. Col. William Bare, 692nd Information Operations Group deputy commander, watches daughter Jade, 10 months, reach for a flag. There were more than 100 vendors on hand Saturday.

Below: Chief Sieiu Avea (center) and his fire dancers perform. They were one of five live performances during the event.

PHOTOS BY ANGELA ELBERN



HIANGin' tough

Think the C-17 arrival will be the first dual-wing mission for the Guard wing and its commander? Think again

By Tech. Sgt.
Mark Munsey
Kukini Managing Editor

It's said if you're lucky, finding your dream job can be as easy as falling out of a tree. For Brig. Gen. Peter Pawling, Hawaii Air National Guard 154th Wing commander, that axiom proved true.

Literally.

Dead set on becoming a pilot since he could first dream young boy's dreams, he wasted little time in going about that goal, performing his first solo flight when most of his classmates were still struggling with the intricacies of multiplication tables.

"I was eight years old the first time I tried to take to the skies," General Pawling shared, quickly pointing out his first flight of not-so-fancy went a full 60 feet, almost as far as the Wright brothers at Kitty Hawk.

It would have been longer, he said, except there were no taller neighborhood trees for him to climb.

Armored in his self-made flying machine, the future flag officer confidently leapt off the northern-most branch into the warm summer air.

"I didn't do a good job on the wings, and they crumbled pretty quickly," admitted the general, who was not a student of mechanical engineering.

The plummet of five-dozen feet did little to deter his aeronautical obsession.

Bruised, broken-armed but unbowed, he knew he was onto something, but realized for personal safety, plane construction should be left to the



Courtesy photo

Then-Maj. Peter Pawling before his incentive flight with golfer Scott Simpson in 1987. The next weekend, Simpson won the U.S. Open Golf Championship.



Courtesy photo

Then-Lt. Col. Pawling at a Kurdish village in Iraq during a 1994 deployment.

professionals.

Enter the Air Force.

Hawaii bound

The Hawaii Air National Guard was created in 1946, three years before the same could be said of General Pawling.

After migrating westward from Palm Springs, Calif., General Pawling graduated from

the University of Hawaii, in 1972, a couple of breaths before joining the HIANG.

Undergraduate pilot training and the Air Force's final F-102 training class soon followed.

Though he was coming into the tail end of the F-102 era, he felt proud to be among the team that brought supersonic interceptor capabilities to the island.

"At the time, the big national threat was from the Soviet Union, and that country's bombers had the capability to reach Hawaii."

Soon the HIANG winged mission turned to the F-4, a plane the general said was much more

mission capable thanks to advancements in weapons and radar systems, as well as air refueling.

"I couldn't believe I was getting paid to fly these planes," the general said.

The end of the 1980s saw a quantum leap forward for the HIANG wing structure and international presence.

The arrival of F-15s brought HIANG in line with the total force.

"We were suddenly able to fight along our active-duty brothers and sisters with a plane of relevance," he said.

Road Trippin'

Those modern fighters weren't the only plane in the HIANG arsenal. Carriers and tankers were also in the fold.

"At the time, the concept was called a composite wing," General Pawling shared. "It enabled us to go as a team."

Just as a flight of eight F-15s deployed hours before his promotion ceremony here Saturday, a similarly-sized team headed out to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey a decade earlier, in the fall of 1994.

"Along with a team of tankers, the F-15s headed out to enforce the Turkish no-fly zone.

"It was the first time a guard wing took over the mission, and it did so coming from exactly halfway around the world," he said.

A highlight of the tour for the general, who was the detachment commander during the deployment, was going to Iraq.

"We were flying all these missions over the top of the country but were never able to see what was happening on the ground," General Pawling said. "It was great to get to visit three or four Kurdish villages."

The next HIANG deployment foreshadowed the Team Hickam mission evolution – Guard and active-duty members sweating side-by-side toward common mission accomplishment.

In 1999, a team of HIANG tankers headed to Kosovo, weeks before international tensions percolated from a simple deployment into full-scale conflict.

"Eventually, the deployment was comprised of 550 multi-component personnel and nine tankers, working around the clock," General Pawling said.

Fighter jocks getting a bag of gas from both Guard and active-duty tankers, unable to tell the difference in service – one uniform, one fight.

A lesson that left a profound impact on the HIANG wing commander.

"The integration was seamless," General Pawling said. "Any apprehension between a combined 15th Airlift Wing and Guard mission is unfounded because I've already experienced, first hand, the results of such a union."

"It was unbelievably smooth," he added.

As far as how the first C-17s should arrive on Hickam 14 months from now, the general is still the same visionary he was, perched on the tree top close to a half century ago.

"It would be perfect to have the two wing commanders in the cockpit flying the first cargo carrier here," he said.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Mysti Bicoy

General Pawling meets with Bud Weisbrod, his original flight instructor, Nov. 3.

KIDSPORTS TURKEY PARTY

Saturday, Nov. 20 - 4-6 p.m.

Enjoy making Thanksgiving Day crafts and playing on tumbling equipment. Snacks will be served. Register early by calling Kidsports at 448-6611.



Honolulu City Lights Tour

Enjoy the beautiful holiday light displays of our capitol city with the Hickam ITT Staff.



December 17, 19, 21, 22
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Book early! 423-0275

Interested in becoming a Child Care Provider?

Applicants must be base residents, 18 yrs old, be a high school grad, able to read and write English and pass a security check. A pre-licensing briefing is held on the first Thursday of each month from 5-6 p.m. at the Family Child Care Office located adjacent to the Auto Resale Lot in Bldg. 2116. Call FCC at 449-1879 for information.

Persons caring for other families' children a total of 10 hours or more per week on base must be licensed.



AF CLUB MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN CLOSING PARTY

New Club Members Honored at Salsa Night at the Officers' Club

Friday, November 12 - 4:30 p.m.



- Buffet 6-8 p.m.
- Free Salsa Dance lessons 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- "Conjuncto Tropical" performs 7-10 p.m.
- Dancing, food and fun!

Turkey Toss



Saturday,
November 20 - 10 a.m.
Pool #2

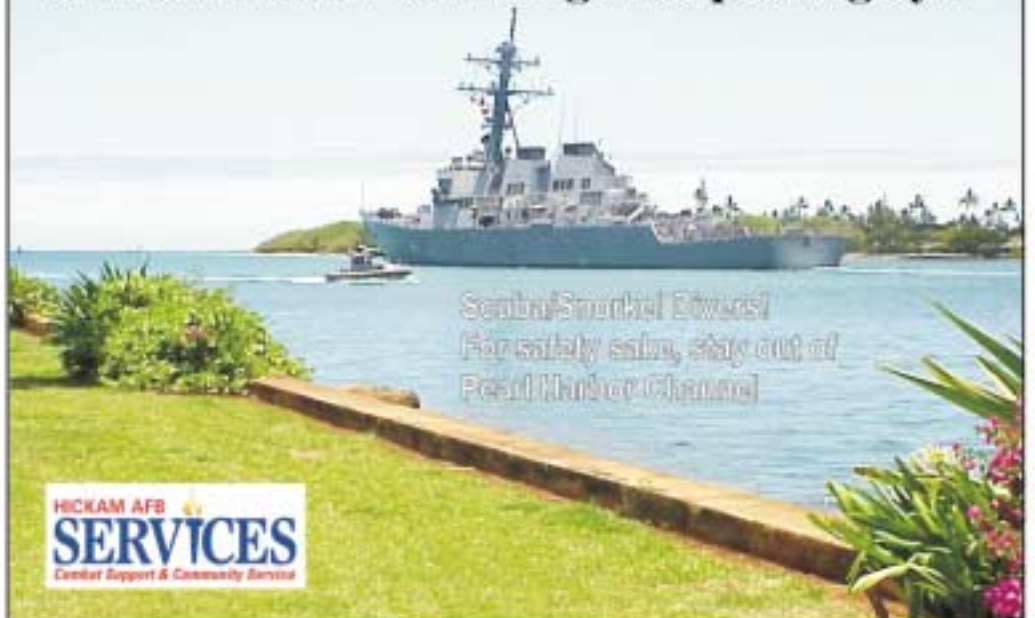
Join Outdoor Recreation for this outrageous new event - Turkey Tossing! How far can you toss the bird into the pool?

- Youth & Adult Divisions
- Slippery Turkey Contest
- \$2 Entry Fee

Don't forget your camera!



Be careful where you dive! You never know what might be passing by...



Seabird/Swiftlet Edward!
For safety sake, stay out of Pearl Harbor Channel!



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**Saturday,
November 20
5 p.m.**

Enjoy a delicious dinner at the Officers' Club and then a performance of "The King and I" at Richardson Theatre.

*Pre-paid reservations required.
Call 448-4608 for details.*

The King and I

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Thanksgiving day
Celebration Sale
November 24-30

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all items
in stock on
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2004 Air Force Membership Campaign

SOCK HOP!

Friday, Nov. 19 - Enlisted Club

New members honored at this closing event.

Buffet - 6-7:30
Dancing - 7:30-11
Door Prizes

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE CLUBS

Thanksgiving Day Buffets

Tickets now on sale!

Hickam Officers' Club
449-4608

Hickam Enlisted Club
449-1292

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE CLUBS

Crossword puzzle: Happy birthday, U.S. Marine Corps

By 1Lt Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

ACROSS

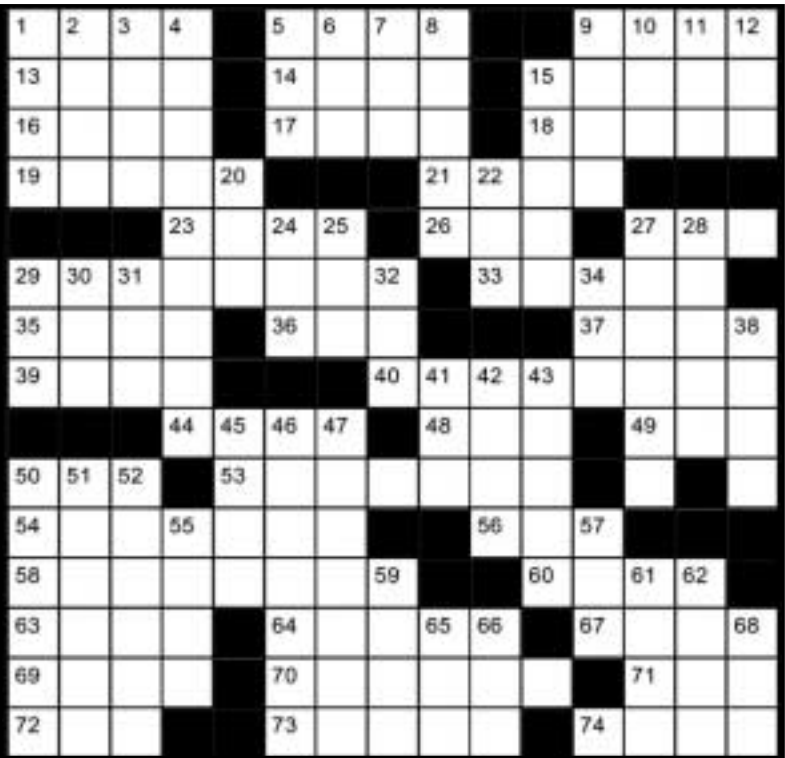
- 1. Acetic or citric
- 5. "...happily ____ after."
- 9. Region of the brain
- 13. Japanese alcohol beverage enjoyed by MCB Butler Marines
- 14. Former Italian currency
- 15. Member of a group to decide a trial outcome
- 16. The capital of Ukraine
- 17. Lake formed by Hoover Dam on the Colorado River
- 18. Part of the USMC emblem
- 19. Any of numerous aquatic or terrestrial mollusks
- 21. Member of an indigenous people of Japan
- 23. Biblical lady
- 26. Actor Perlman
- 27. SECDEF office symbol
- 29. In sports, a penalty
- 33. Sprite
- 35. Margarine
- 36. Terminate
- 37. A unit of matter
- 39. Jam, as in a drain
- 40. A U.S. Marine Corps base was established here in 1918
- 44. Satisfy to excess
- 48. Graduate student test, in brief

- 49. Approves
- 50. Commercials
- 53. Demolishes
- 54. A woman's private sitting room
- 56. Dined
- 58. A mush of ground pork and cornmeal
- 60. Flabby
- 63. ____ out a living; made do with
- 64. Covered with tanning lotion
- 67. Christmas carol
- 69. New Jersey team
- 70. A period of instruction
- 71. Put into service
- 72. Type of duty for a Marine, in short
- 73. Enraged
- 74. Singing voice

DOWN

- 1. Questions
- 2. Eldest son of Adam and Eve
- 3. Furniture store
- 4. Nickname for Marines
- 5. Tree
- 6. Compete
- 7. Baseball stat
- 8. Method of detecting distant objects
- 9. Event for MCB Hawaii Marines
- 10. URL ender?
- 11. Former NBA player Minute
- 12. Previous to; before.

- 15. Spinning ____; an early form of spinning machine
- 20. Gift worn at 9 DOWN
- 22. Charged particle
- 24. Col. Gregory "Pappy" Boyington, USMC, was one
- 25. Star Wars character Solo
- 27. Privilege of demanding fulfillment of a contract
- 28. Sudden disturbance
- 29. Ad ____; for the specific purpose
- 30. Everything
- 31. New or recent
- 32. Short for fast?
- 34. Welcome or place
- 38. Spanish or peat
- 41. Used to express horror, disgust, or repugnance
- 42. Region
- 43. Birdhouses
- 45. Over
- 46. Place mentioned in USMC Hymn; "To the shores of ____"
- 47. Previously
- 50. ____ Without Leave; USMJ violation
- 51. Ported
- 52. Something beyond doubt
- 55. Fathers
- 57. A long time



Happy Birthday, USMC

This week's crossword answers

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Chapel

Editor's note: For more information on Base Chapel services or for prayer requests call the Chapel Center at 449-1754 or Nelles Chapel at 449-6562.

David Bender – 527-5877

Catholic

Nelles Chapel

Weekday Mass – 11:30 a.m.

Saturday confessions – 4:15 p.m.

Saturday Mass – 5 p.m.

Chapel Center

Sunday Mass – 10 a.m.

IsLAMic

Friday congregational service (1935 Aleo Place, Punahou) – 1 p.m.

Buddhist

Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin A Shin Buddhist Temple – 536-7044.

Protestant

Nelles Chapel

Sunday contemporary service – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday Gospel Worship – 11:15 a.m.

Sunday Praise Gathering – 5:30 p.m.

Chapel Center

Sunday traditional – 8:30 a.m.

Jewish

Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor – 473-0050

Jewish Lay Leader – Mr.

At the Movies

Today, Saturday and Sunday - 7 p.m.
“Ladder 49” – Firefighter Jack Morrison has led an extraordinary career as a first responder. But the sacrifices he’s made have taken their toll on Jack’s relationship with his wife, kids and friends. Those decisions finally come back to haunt young Jack when he’s trapped in a serious blaze. Jack’s cigar-chewing boss does his best to save the young man, and Jack’s career is retold in flashback. Starring Joaquin Phoenix and John Travolta. Rated PG-13 (intense fire and rescue situations and language).

Saturday - 2 p.m.
“First Daughter” – Samantha Mackenzie wants what every college freshman desires: to experience life away from home and parents. But it’s not going to be easy, because home for Sam is the White House and her dad is the President of the United States. Sam meets and falls for James. As romance blossoms, Sam discovers her new beau is a secret service agent assigned to protect her. Starring Katie Holmes and Marc Blucas. Rated PG (language, sexual situations and alcohol-related material).

Team Hickam Pick 'Em



Team Roster	Chiefs vs Saints	Ravens vs J-E-T-S	Bucs vs. Falcons	Panthers vs. 49ers	Eagles vs. Cowboys	Last week	To date
Col. Ray Torres 15th AW/CC	Chiefs	Jets	Falcons	49ers	Eagles	3-2	23-22
Lt. Col. Denise Hollywood 15th SVS/CC	Saints	Jets	Bucs	49ers	Eagles	2-3	21-24
Capt. Nate Chine Det. 1, 15 MSG/CC	Chiefs	Jets	Falcons	49ers	Eagles	2-3	29-16
Chief Master Sgt. Glenn Bernier PACAF/SVS	Chiefs	Jets	Falcons	Panthers	Eagles	4-1	30-15
Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey 15th AW/PAI	Chiefs	Ravens	Falcons	Panthers	Cowboys	2-3	23-22
Staff Sgt. Toni Schmidt 15th CONS/LGVCZ	Saints	Jets	Falcons	Panthers	Eagles	2-3	25-20

**TEAM HICKAM NFL CHALLENGE**



Loved ones deployed to Iraq this holiday season?

Send a holiday greeting through Iraq Newslink's online holiday greetings!

Go to www.afnews.af.mil/iraq and select the "Send a holiday greeting to an Airman in Iraq" button.



Yankees swing past Wolfpack 11-6

By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Yankee
Brandon Trice

Graphic illustration by
Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard

YANKEES LINE-UP

Uniform	Name	Positon
1	Bo Kelly	2 nd base
2	Steven Martinez	SS
3	Anthony Martinez	Catcher
4	Cody Amidon	CF
5	Kevin "KB" Bell	LF
6	Jordan Quast	1 st base
7	Justin Romero	3 rd base
8	Nomar Pagan	RF
9	David McBride	Pitcher
10	Brandon Trice	DH

Head Coach
Steven Martinez

Assistant coaches
Dam Amidon
Tom Lovell
Tito

Leading off for the Pack was second baseman McCall Kerkman, who singled and then advance to second on a passed pitch before Chris Edwards, left field, struck out swinging for the game's first recorded out.

Yankee's Pitcher David McBride got a little wild and McCall advanced to third base

on a pitch that bounced out of the dirt to the back screen.

Then David Poe, shortstop, hit an infield single, but McCall held up on third base.

McBride then struck Jerad Buckley, to load the bases for Wolfpack First Baseman Colton Kerkman.

Kerkman singled to drive in younger brother Kerkman for the Pack's first run, but Buckley was caught at second base for the second out on the inning.

After Poe scored off a wild pitch and Julio Sosa was thrown out at first, the first inning ended with the Yankees leading 4-2.

Wolfpack Pitcher Calvin Boerwinkle struck out three of the five Yankee batters he faced in the top of the second.

In the bottom half of the second, the Wolfpack scratched back to a one-run deficit as Louis Valdez crossed the plate on a wild pitch.

In the third inning the teams exchanged runs, leaving the Yanks with a 5-4 lead.

Wolfpack reliever Jerad Buckley faced the heart of the Yankee's tough hitters in the top of the fourth.

The first three Yanks singled to load the bases. Right fielder Nomar Pagan drew a walk to score the first of four runs for the Yankees. For the second time on the night the Wolfpack found themselves hustling back off the field to bat due to the four-run rule. This time down 9-4.

The Yankee's coaching staff moved

Steven Martinez from shortstop to the pitcher's mound.

The new pitcher had some control problems at first, walking the first two batters before striking out the next two. Before Martinez could claim his third strikeout on the inning, another Wolfpack base runner crossed home plate to make the score 9-5.

The Yankees scored two more runs in the top of the fifth and Wolfpack scored one more in the bottom of the fifth before the Yanks could celebrate their 11-6 victory.

"The Wolfpack played well and never gave up," said Yankee's Coach Steven Martinez. "They are an excellent team with a very dedicated coach. My hat's off to the entire team."

Both Coach Martinez and Wolfpack Coach Travis Buckley agreed high spirits, motivation and desire were overshadowed by the pure enjoyment of baseball the kids have. That was never more so echoed than by eight-year-old Bo Kelly who said he just loves to play baseball because, "I like it when I hit the ball solid." And Bo knows; the second baseman went 2-for-2 and a walk on the night with two stolen bases and one run scored.

"Cheering in victory or in loss doesn't matter. As long as you give it your all, it makes no difference what the score is," said Coach Martinez.

"That's what makes it America's favorite past time."

(Right) Home-plate Umpire Jonathon Richards and Yankee Catcher Anthony Martinez watch as Wolfpack batter Colton Kerkman swings down after a pitch in the first inning, connecting for a single.

(Below) Yankee's starting Pitcher David McBride hurls in a pitch during action Monday night. Poe helped the Yankees top the Wolfpack 11-6 in little league action.

Photos by Mark Bates



WOLFPACK LINE-UP

Uniform	Name	Positon
1	Amanda Nicholas	CF
2	Jerad Buckley	3 rd base
4	Julio Sosa	Catcher
5	Louis Valdez	DH
6	David Poe	SS
7	Calvin Boerwinkle	Pitcher
8	Chris Edwards	LF
9	Eric Smith	RF
10	McCall Kerkman	2 nd base
n/a	Colton Kerkman	1 st base

Head Coach
Travis Buckley

Assistant coaches
Gregeory Boerwinkle
Andrew Kerkman
David Poe